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**PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**  
**Applicant Review Panel**  
**February 25, 2010**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**555 Capitol Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room**  
**Sacramento, California 95814**

The Voters FIRST Act (Proposition 11, November 2008) calls for the creation of a 3-member Applicant Review Panel, which must review applications from Californians who wish to serve on the Citizens Redistricting Commission established by the Voters FIRST Act. The Applicant Review Panel must narrow the pool of applicants who wish to serve on the Citizens Redistricting Commission to sixty of the most qualified applicants, by no later than October 1, 2010, based on the criteria in the Voters FIRST Act.

This will be the first meeting of the Applicant Review Panel, which was established on November 15, 2009. This initial meeting will be devoted exclusively to housekeeping matters and to providing the panel members with training and orientation. There will be no discussion or action taken at this meeting related to applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission. There will be an opportunity for public comment on matters that are within the jurisdiction of the Applicant Review Panel.

9:00\* a.m.      Call to Order

Opening remarks by State Auditor, Elaine Howle

Introduction of, and remarks by, Applicant Review Panel members

- 9:30            The panel may select a chair and vice chair and may establish other general operating procedures, such as the amount of time that will be allowed for each person who wishes to offer public comment.
- 10:00           “Why Redistricting Matters,” Sam Walton, Redistricting Consultant, NAACP, will provide introductory remarks on the Voters FIRST Act (Proposition 11) and the importance of the redistricting process.
- 10:30           “A Day in the Life of a Redistricting Commissioner,” Ralph Pesquiera, former Chairperson of the 2000 San Diego Redistricting Commission, will speak about his experiences as a redistricting commissioner.

11:00 Training and orientation for panel members on the legal concepts that the Citizens Redistricting Commission must apply in its work and on the role that the Citizens Redistricting Commission will perform.

“Redistricting 101 and the Legal Concepts That Apply to Redistricting in California,” Justin Levitt, Counsel, Democracy Project, the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law (Approximately 1 ½ hours)

**There will be a lunch break from approximately 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

“An Overview of the Federal Voting Rights Act: Why Diversity Matters in the Context of Redistricting,” Kristen Clarke, Co-Director of the Political Participation Group of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, will provide training on the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

“Redistricting Experiences,” Karin MacDonald, Director, and Nicole Boyle, GIS Analyst, Statewide Database & Election Administration Research Center, University of California Berkeley Law, Center for Research, will provide the panel with information on the practical aspects of redistricting and will show how redistricting software is used to draw political boundaries.

4:00 Public Comment.

MEETING WILL ADJOURN

\*Note: All times are approximate.

Any person with a disability who requires a disability-related modification or accommodation, including, but not limited to, auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in the meeting, may submit a written or electronic request for such accommodation or accommodations to Diane Hamel, Executive Secretary for the Applicant Review Panel, at 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814 or [Dianeh@bsa.ca.gov](mailto:Dianeh@bsa.ca.gov) no later than **five days prior to the meeting**.